



FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 18, 1901

THERE ARE many good and sufficient reasons for the political solidity of the South. That the republican administration is doing all it can to maintain that solidity, is proved by the disposition of its patronage. In the case of the postoffice at Charlottesville, in this State, though several honest, reputable and efficient Virginia republicans applied for it, and had strong recommendations from the leading men of their party in their State, it was given to a New Yorker, at the request of some prominent republicans of their State. Virginians, whether democrats or republicans, resent snubbing, and so the democratic majority in the State is constantly increasing.

EX PRESIDENT CLEVELAND now says the republic is doomed, for the reason of its "headstrong national heedlessness." Many wise people fear he is correct, and that the foreseen change in the government will not be delayed much longer; indeed that the sound of the footsteps of the approaching man on horseback can already be heard. But, true as this may be, Mr. Cleveland should not be so blinded by his selfishness and assumed wisdom as not to know that by deserting the people's party and going over to the imperialists, and carrying his followers with him, he has done more to bring about the condition referred to than any other one man in the country.

THE U. S. government went to war with Spain, on the alleged, but groundless, charge that it was massacring the Cuban insurgents and starving their women and children; but it pays its new ally, Great Britain, on the back, and tells it to go ahead and that it can buy as much war material and as many horses and mules here as it may desire; and this, too, even though Englishmen, in England, denounce the prosecution of the Boer war, and say it is conducted on a plan even more cruel than General Weyler is alleged to have adopted in his attempt to quell the Cuban insurrection.

THERE ARE so many different plans for the proposed "Memorial" bridge at Arlington, and so many rival interests in that bridge, that, as in the proverbial case of many cooks, it is feared they will spoil the broth. The bridge with all the support it has received from disinterested people, has been urged by so many other sort of promoters, that many Congressmen are opposed to it, and suspect that it is in the interest of individuals, rather than in that of the public, and the rival plans referred to naturally tends to increase that opposition.

THE charges brought against Mr. Bailey, of Texas, by a few of his enemies, on the eve of his election to the U. S. Senate, and investigated, at his instance, by the legislature of his State, have been proved to be without the slightest foundation, as everybody at all acquainted with the history of Mr. Bailey has known from the first would be the case, because all such men know that Mr. Bailey is not only an able man, but has a clear conscience.

THAT WEST VIRGINIA is no longer Southern territory, and that her people are no longer Southern in their feelings, have been well known for many years, but the faintest doubt upon those subjects was removed last Wednesday, when both branches of the legislature of that State adopted, with practical unanimity, a resolution endorsing and approving the election of Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania, to the U. S. Senate.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, January 18. The caucus of Senate republicans was largely attended this morning. There was practically nothing discussed except the course of action on the Isthmian Canal bill. Senator Lodge, acting chairman of the foreign relations committee, offered a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the caucus that no action should be taken on the bill until after Great Britain had been given an opportunity to pass upon the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. This resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice. The ship subsidy bill was referred to only incidentally. It was left in exactly the position it had heretofore occupied and will receive consideration whenever it will not interfere with other business. Senator Allison gave notice of his intention to take up the appropriation bills as fast as they were prepared and reported to the Senate. "These bills," said he, "must be passed if we are to avoid an extra session and I think all of us are agreed in desiring that." Mr. Aldrich said that the war revenue bill would be reported next week, but he gave no indication of its character, although he said he did not believe it would take long to pass it. When the caucus was called to order Mr. Allison explained its purpose. He said that Mr. Morgan and other Senators who were anxious to secure action on the canal bill desired to have a special day set for its consideration. Mr. Lodge then introduced his resolution, saying that it represented the feelings of the foreign relations committee. He argued that it was only right courtesy to a great and friendly nation to give her time to consider the

amendments to the treaty, especially as we had taken our own time in deciding upon our course. The discussion then became general and developed the fact that there was a unanimous sentiment in the caucus in favor of the canal but there was an equally unanimous feeling that courtesy to Great Britain required that nothing should be done on a subject so intimately associated with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty until she had opportunity to pass upon that convention. Mr. Hanna referred to the ship subsidy bill and said he desired it to stand solely upon its own merits. He wanted it understood that it was not antagonizing the canal bill or any other measure. All he asked for was that it should be considered whenever it would not interfere with more pressing matters of legislation. It was at this point that Senator Allison referred to the necessity of passing the appropriation bills as rapidly as possible. His suggestion that an extra session be avoided by all means was concurred in by all present. Mr. Allison was authorized to make public the action of the caucus on the canal bill, which he did later in a verbal statement. The bill making appropriations for the military academy was today reported to the Senate. The principal change made in the measure as it came from the House was an increase of \$72,900 for buildings and grounds, including two double sets of officers' quarters. An amendment prohibits hazing at the academy.

The bill to permit steamboats to carry automobiles, using gasoline as a means of propulsion, was yesterday reported favorably from the Senate commerce committee. It is reported in the office of the supervising architect of the Treasury this morning that an attempt has been detected to bribe one of the board of examiners appointed to award the contract for the public building at Indianapolis.

A. A. Power was appointed postmaster at Lightfoot, James City county, Va., today, vice L. T. Hawkins, removed. A bill is now before Congress providing for the purchase of the site of the burned power house on Pennsylvania avenue in this city, for a million dollars, though the traction company bought it for four hundred thousand, and to erect on it a hall of records. It is said that should it pass, the street south of it will be closed so that the depot of the Alexandria electric railway will have to be removed, as the present loop in the track there will be destroyed.

As Senator Daniel is so pronouncedly in favor of Mr. Swanson for governor of his State as Senator Martin is, Virginia democrats at the Capitol today say they wonder why Mr. Montague's supporters should not censure the former as much as they do the latter; but they also say the fight against Swanson is the same old fight against Martin, and by the same men.

A Virginian now here, talking about the omnibus bill reported favorably to the House, as previously stated in this column, and many of the items which have been approved by the Court of Claims, said he would not have much opinion of any Southern Congressman who would vote against a bill that would bring a little money into the South, who had voted for giving millions to the North, as most of them have done.

President McKinley spent an hour in his office this morning and signed a number of papers and bills. It was his first appearance in his business apartment since his present indisposition began and the fact that Dr. Rixey allowed him to do so proves that he believes all danger practically over. No callers were received by the President, however, and will not be until next week.

Members of the executive committee of the American Ticket Brokers' Association are testifying before the industrial commission. According to the statements of the brokers the railroads of the country have been for years and are still using ticket scalpers as agents whereby they cut rates in violation of their anti-rate cutting agreements. Under cover they sell the brokers thousands of dollars worth of tickets at reduced rates, and then come out in the open and demand directly against ticket scalpers. The cut of towns ticket men here are George W. Frey of Minneapolis, George Frank of Chicago, Isaac Frank of New York, John M. Kinner of Cleveland, F. T. Lindenberg of Detroit and G. G. Langsdorf of New York.

It is now said to be a fact that Dr. Rixey, a brother of the Representative from the Alexandria district, will be promoted to the rank of Surgeon General of the Navy next November, when Surgeon General Van Knypen will be retired. Mrs. McKinley deems his constant attendance necessary to her health, and with his new rank, his home will be in Washington.

Attorney General Montague of Virginia, a candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor of his State, is here today and has interviews with some of his friends, among them Congressman Jones of his State and Mr. Hays, president of the Virginia democratic association of this city. He has been invited to speak at the celebration of General Lee's anniversary at Berryville tomorrow night, and has accepted of the invitation. It is reported here by Richmond people that Mr. Montague will stump his State in favor of his nomination.

An Alexandria county man, here today, who had read in the Gazette that many people in that county were in favor of annexation to the District of Columbia, said it was true, but that of his own knowledge he knew that many of the people of Alexandria city were, too, and that they either never had any love for Virginia, or had lost it, by reason of the prevailing commercial spirit.

Major E. W. Hunter of Alexandria, a member of the Confederate Veterans Association of this city, was at the Capitol today, getting speakers for that association's celebration of General Lee's birthday tomorrow night.

Another hearing was held by the Senate District of Columbia committee yesterday afternoon on the bill for the proposed Arlington Bridge, but nothing definite was decided upon.

It was said in the room of the committee on finance of the Senate today that the tax on play tobacco would probably be reduced from twelve to nine cents.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, was a guest of the famous Clover Club in Philadelphia last night, and other people who were present say he acquitted himself very handsomely and turned the tables on his quizzers every time.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A mutiny among the Venezuelan troops at Caracas has been suppressed. Congressman Sulzer introduced a bill in the House yesterday to extend the time to redeem internal revenue stamps.

Boer women are being kept in British camps, and if their husbands are still fighting they are put on a reduced food allowance.

Rev. Dr. Laurence W. Bates, 81 years old, a prominent figure in the Methodist Protestant Church, died at his home in Baltimore yesterday.

Rev. Hiram B. Revels, former United States Senator from Mississippi, the first colored man to sit in either house of Congress, died in Louisiana last Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Grogan, who has been playing small parts in a traveling company, has fallen heir to \$500,000. She immediately quitted the stage and returned to New York.

At the conference of foreign mission boards, held in New York yesterday, a reply was decided upon to be made to a Buddhist circular, which attributed the troubles in China to mistakes of missionaries.

Luther A. Porter, cashier of the Warren Deposit Bank, of Bowling Green, Ky., is discovered to be short in his accounts \$49,000. He is a prominent officer in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Senator Wellington was practically read out of the national republican party yesterday by the omission of the chairman of the senatorial caucus to send him a notice inviting him to attend a meeting of the caucus.

Samuel Lewis, the London money lender who died a few days since, left \$200,000, all of which goes under his will to his widow, except \$1,000,000, which is divided among relatives. Lewis's motto was: "I lend to the Lord and give to the poor."

The members of the New York Cotton Exchange yesterday, by a vote of 121 to 26, adopted an amendment making the initiation fee in future \$10,000, and limiting the membership to 450. There are now about 425. Memberships in the past have cost about \$5,000.

In a desperate battle with two full-grown gray wolves, which was witnessed by a score of horrified visitors on Monday at the Philadelphia Zoological Garden, Keeper John Lover was badly mangled, and only escaped with his life through the courageous efforts of his fellow keepers.

An amendment has been presented in the Wisconsin legislature to the marriage laws making it unlawful for any person to marry who is either insane, a drunkard or has a constitutional disease. The amendment provides for the appointment of three reputable practicing physicians who shall examine the parties seeking a license.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. William Cagger, the multi-millionaire, died last night at 7 o'clock at the Virginia Hospital, in Richmond.

Colonel R. J. Washington, of Campbellton, Westmoreland county, has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

Joseph Parkinson, owner of the Hotel Lawrence at Luray, died of pneumonia yesterday evening, aged 69 years. He was born in London, England.

Mr. George Keith Taylor, who has been the clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals at Richmond for many years, has been re-elected and has qualified.

Clarence Anderson, a well-known young electrician, was killed last night while attempting to fix an arc light machine at the power house of the Rivermont Electric Company of Lynchburg.

The grand jury yesterday indicted Dr. Louis Loeb, the only Jewish physician in Newport News, for practicing as a physician and surgeon without so securing a certificate from the State Board of Medical Examiners, without which it is impossible to take out a license.

The State board of education is being overwhelmed with inquiries regarding the time when the selection of superintendents of schools will be made. Secretary Brent said yesterday that it would not be earlier than May, and that applications should not be sent in earlier than the last of March. There are 117 appointments to be made.

Mr. George Lewis Atgenbright, of Greenville, Augusta county, was 100 years old yesterday. He is the father of Newton Atgenbright, clerk of the City Court of Staunton. He has never used glasses, and is able to shave himself every day. His health is such so that he promises many more years on the earth. He attributes his long life to the fact that he has never smoked, chewed, or drunk, and has lived a quiet life on his farm.

In the parlors of Rev. P. E. Throckmorton, on Hopkins street, in Richmond, Cruis A. Brady was married to William G. Sweet. Both are full-blooded Indians from the Pamunkey reservation, in King William county. Miss Brady is the daughter of W. T. Brady, a resident of the reservation, and is 35 years old. Mr. Sweet is a fisherman, and is 46 years of age. This is his third venture upon the matrimonial sea, his first wife having been a sister of his newly made bride.

A "LOVE POWDER."—The Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore is engaged in trying the case of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Duddy against Mrs. Bertha Souder, in which Mrs. Duddy claims damages for the alleged attacks of her husband's (John J. Duddy) affections. Mr. and Mrs. Duddy formerly lived at 1165 Bowden street. Mrs. Souder acknowledged that she at one time threatened her husband with vitriol. She also claimed that Mrs. Souder put a love powder in her husband's soup. Mrs. Duddy now lives at Sparrow's point. She has four children. Mrs. Souder denies the charge, and is corroborated by her own husband and also by Mr. Duddy.

A STUDENT DUCKED.—The feeling against those who have been condemning the action of President Jordan broke out yesterday afternoon among the students at Stanford University, Cal. C. D. Montgomery, a junior from the University of Kansas, was seized by a party of fifty or more students, carried to a lake back of the university, and thrown in. The water was about five feet deep in the lake and Montgomery had no difficulty in getting to shore. The outbreak against Montgomery was caused by his radical talk condemning Dr. Jordan and the university management. The ducking party was composed of the most prominent students and student body officers.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

The following opinions were handed down yesterday:

Judge James Keith, president: Postal Telegraph and Cable Company vs. city of Richmond. From the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed. Court holds that city cannot impose tax on messages passing over wires through the city and which are not filed here, saying that tax is unconstitutional and conflicts with Interstate Commerce.

Shickell vs. Berryville Land and Improvement Company. From the Circuit Court of Prince William county. Affirmed.

Judge R. H. Cardwell: Boyd, trustee, vs. McKee. From the Circuit Court of Fredericksburg. Reversed in part and affirmed in part. Smith et al. vs. Thomas et al. From the Circuit Court of Augusta county. Affirmed.

Miller vs. Miller. From the Circuit Court of Buckingham county. Reversed.

Judge John A. Buchanan: Newport News, &c., Co. vs. Bradford. From the Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county. Reversed. McCoy vs. Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company. From the Law and Chancery Court of the city of Norfolk. Affirmed. The plaintiff in error, who was a brakeman on the road of the defendant company, was injured through the negligence of a fellow-servant. The Supreme Court affirms the decision of the lower court that he cannot recover.

Judge George M. Harrison: Norfolk and Western Railroad Company vs. Old Dominion Baggage Company. From the Circuit Court of the city of Lynchburg. Reversed. Coalier vs. Bargamin, from Richmond Law and Equity Court. Affirmed. This case was against Bargamin et al., incorporators of the Virginia Abstract Company, for liability as partners under the charter incorporating them, and to hold corporations responsible as partners for stockholders' subscriptions in corporation. The minimum was never subscribed.

Judge A. A. Phlegar: Fitzgerald's executrix vs. Irb. From the Circuit Court of Henrico county. Reversed. Noling vs. National Bank of Virginia. From the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Reversed. The question as stated by the court to be determined is: "Can a bank, which has received money on deposit for an agent, who has a beneficial interest therein, disregard that interest and apply the money to a debt due from the agent?" Reversed. The court holds that the decree of the Chancery Court should be set aside, that the injunction should be dissolved, the bill dismissed, and W. O. Noling recover his costs.

APPEALS GRANTED. Brown vs. Bradshaw. Writ of error and supersedeas. Bond \$250. Circuit Court of Dickenson county.

Littell vs. Carrico. Circuit Court of Grayson county. Appeal. Bond \$150. Wright vs. White & Co. Appeal. Bond \$200.

Cheapeake and Ohio Railway Company vs. Walker. Circuit Court of the city of Lynchburg. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$500.

Robinson's executor vs. Fisher & Hastings. Circuit Court of Manchester. Writ of error and supersedeas. Bond \$200. Morley vs. Bristol Iron Company. Corporation Court of Bristol. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$200.

Montgomery vs. Commonwealth. Rockbridge County Court. Writ of error awarded. Bedford vs. Clark. Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Appeal awarded. Bond \$300.

Romland Lumber Company vs. Ross, Law and Equity Court of the city of Norfolk. Writ of error and supersedeas awarded. Bond \$5,000.

Mathews vs. Glenn. Chancery Court of the city of Richmond. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$200.

Scott vs. Porter. Circuit Court of Smyth county. Bond \$100.

Speer vs. Tilton. Circuit Court of Smyth county. Appeal. Bond \$200.

Rayman vs. Neff. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Appeal, &c. Bond \$250.

University of Virginia vs. Snyder & Company. Circuit Court of Albemarle county. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$2,500.

Repass vs. Richmond. Circuit Court of Westmoreland county. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$300.

Moore vs. Pereira. Circuit Court of Buckingham county. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond \$3,500.

Commonwealth's Attorney at Rel. of Whitehead vs. Venable. Circuit Court of Prince Edward. Writ of error. Bond \$100.

APPEALS REFUSED. Black vs. Phlegar, receiver. Circuit Court of Montgomery county. Writ of error refused.

Fitchett vs. Marye. Corporation Court of Newport News. Writ of error refused.

Hunt vs. Commonwealth. Corporation Court of Lynchburg. Writ of error refused.

Riely vs. Riely, administrator. Circuit Court of Lynchburg. Appeal refused.

Tate vs. Winfree. Circuit Court of Lynchburg. Appeal refused.

Eastern Building Association vs. Snyder. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

Bridgewater Roller Mills vs. Strough. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.—Charles Gordon was killed by his brother Antonius in Portsmouth yesterday. The slayer declares that he was trying to save his father's home, which was surety for a peace bond which Charles was about to break in a jealous rage by beating a woman with a club. Charles bore the reputation of being a desperate character, and he frequently figured in Police Court proceedings. His aged father had come to his assistance time and time again, and finally had mortgaged his home to secure the son's release on a peace bond. Antonius claims that, knowing these facts, he was intent upon preventing Charles committing an act that would imperil the home of his parents, and that seeing him about to brain the woman, against whom his jealous passion had directed itself, he seized a mallet and attempted to ward off the blow, but instead he struck Charles, inflicting the fatal blow. He is held for murder.

Cut this out and take it to Richard Gibson's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

The most soothing, healing and antiseptic application ever devised is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It relieves all cuts and scalds, burns, sores, eczema and skin diseases. Beware of imitations.

## FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, January 18 SENATE.

At 4 o'clock today the Senate will begin voting upon the army reorganization bill and its amendments. Nearly every Senator was in his seat when the gavel fell at noon.

A bill authorizing the appointment of James A. Hutton to a captaincy of infantry in the United States army was passed.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the army bill.

Mr. Gallinger introduced several amendments, one provided that the army veterinarian shall have the rank as well as the pay of second lieutenant; another that there shall be a chief veterinarian with the rank and pay of major; and another that all liquor licenses heretofore granted and those that may be granted in the Philippines shall be subject to the approval of the pending act shall be abolished, and that the importation of all liquor in the Philippine archipelago shall be prohibited.

Upon motion of Mr. Hanna, the House amendment to the Senate resolution providing for the appropriation of \$5,000 and the appointment of a committee to arrange for inaugural exercises, were not concurred in and a conference was asked for. The chair appointed Mr. Hanna, Mr. Spooner and Mr. Jones, of Arkansas. The House desires that the committee on arrangements be a joint one, and not exclusively a Senate committee.

In speaking on the Gallinger amendment concerning the liquor selling in the Philippines, Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, opposed congressional action just at this time, while Mr. Lodge, chairman of the Philippine committee, believed that the Taft commission would gladly receive such legislation as was proposed in the Gallinger amendment. Mr. Perkins argued likewise.

HOUSE.

Before consideration of the bill to codify the postal laws was resumed in the House, several short bills were taken up by unanimous consent. An effort was made to amend Mr. Hepburn to have the bill for the reorganization of the revenue cutter service made a special order to follow the postal law bill.

Mr. Underwood objected to this, saying the bill in reality only increased the expense of the service without making it more efficient.

Mr. Mudd endeavored to get a bill through giving navy yard employees fifteen days annual leave. This was objected to by Mr. Glynn because the bill did not include arsenal employees.

At 12:30 the House went into committee on the whole to consider private claim bills, several of these bills being to allow lost checks to be reissued.

The Cramp claims against the government amounting to \$1,367,243.49, growing out of the construction of the battleships Massachusetts and Indiana, and the cruiser New York and Columbia, called up. The bill provides that the whole matter shall be referred to the court of claims.

Mr. Robb opposed the bill.

AN ATROCIOUS CRIME.

In Richmond, yesterday, Mrs. Ella J. Roberts was sent to the grand jury, and William Berry, a well-known sporting man of that city, is held for trial under \$1,000 bond, as the result of an all-day examination in the Police Court, most of the time behind closed doors.

A pretty girl, 15 years old, helpless and away from home, was the victim, Sarah E. May left Danville and came to Manchester to stay with friends and secure work in a cotton mill. After a few months the mill closed. It is charged that Mrs. Ella J. Roberts, in Richmond, offered the girl work at her home, and she went there to live. A few days later, it is alleged, she took the girl to an office building where Berry had rooms, receiving a fee, and turned the girl over to the man. The testimony of the girl was revolting, and brought tears to many eyes. Some time after her ruin had been accomplished, she left Richmond with a certificate which performed there during the street carnival, and after the show disbanded, settled in Nashville with some of the people.

A friend of Mrs. May, according to the evidence, hearing of the atrocious treatment of the girl, determined to bring the perpetrators to justice. He brought the girl back to Richmond and her mother from Danville, and secured the arrest of Mrs. Roberts. Her hearing resulted in a warrant being served on Berry. The girl's mother was piling bricks at the development in court yesterday, and at times even the lawyers were near the girl's discomfiture.

Able counsel appeared for the prosecution and defense. The girl is under the age of consent, and the violations of this law in Virginia has hanging for its maximum penalty. There is much indignation over the case in the city. The girl's mother is extremely poor, but many friends have risen up in her behalf.

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR.—Commissioner of Labor Doherty yesterday submitted his annual report to the Governor, who will transmit it to the Assembly Wednesday. The figures for the tobacco industry of the State show great activity. They indicate a most remarkable increase over last year. The reports from the 40 tobacco factories show that the total value of goods produced in 1899 was \$7,152,224.55. This is an increase over the last statement of \$4,771,718.72. The total amount of capital invested was \$3,566,390.76. The total value of the products of the cotton mills during the year was \$5,656,199.16. The iron manufacturing interest shows upwardly. Never in the history of Virginia has this industry presented such a favorable record. Reports from 27 manufacturers give the value of products at \$5,750,484.70 for 1899; capital invested \$7,502,075.70; amount paid in wages in 1899 \$3,980,670.10.

MR. CLEVELAND SEES DANGER.—Mr. Cleveland, in a speech at the banquet of the Holland Society, in New York, last night, denounced the war in the Philippines and declared that this country faced a serious situation, and commented upon the national danger due to imperialism. He declared that conservatism has been set aside, and that our old love of peace, honor and justice has been weakened. He said the two English-speaking champions of peace and arbitration are "both killing natives in an effort to possess their lands." "Our country," mournfully continued the ex-President, "will never be the same again." He strongly advocates the emulation of Dutch conservatism. He referred to the present time as one of "headlong national heedlessness" and appealed to the conservative element to demand a return to old principles and policies.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Queen Victoria III.

Portsmouth, Jan. 18.—It is announced here that the health of the Queen causes the gravest alarm and it is stated that because of her grandfather's failing health, the Duke of York may abandon his visit to Australia.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 18.—It is reported that Sir James Reid and Sir Francis Laking, the royal physicians, are almost hourly in attendance on the Queen. Her Majesty's trip to the South of France has been abandoned. Officials at Osborne House deny that the Queen is seriously ill.

London, Jan. 18.—The correspondent of this association at Portsmouth telegraphs: "I have further confirmation that the Queen is ill. She has been falling for weeks and is growing worse daily." The Queen today reached the age of 81 years and 239 days, exactly the age of George III, previously the oldest English sovereign, when he died.

The court circular has not appeared since Tuesday. This fact lends confirmation to the report of her Majesty's illness as the circular is not issued until after it has been supervised by the Queen. The Duke of York left today for Sandringham.

It is said that the Queen's doctors are really alarmed, not so much at her present condition as by the steady decline of her health. The Queen now suffers from insomnia, loss of appetite and nervous collapse. The Queen's physicians do not believe that the Queen is in imminent danger of death, but they regard the end as only a matter of months, perhaps even weeks.

Bicentennial of Prussian Kingdom.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Splendid winter weather prevails for the festivities today. The celebration began at 9 a. m. when all the church bells began ringing. Services were held simultaneously in the castle chapel and all the churches. When these were concluded cannon salutes were fired. Meanwhile there was a gala display of royal equipages on Unter den Linden, which was decorated with flags and evergreens. Thousands of people were on the street at an early hour and noisy merry making is now in progress. The ceremony of the bicentennial at the castle will be an impressive affair. The day will be observed with special exercises in all the schools and universities and many associations will give entertainments. Tonight there will be an illumination of the city and a number of public balls will be given.

Tired of Living.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 18.—Charles Howe, 83 years of age, a bookkeeper, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the mouth. Mrs. Howe was horrified on coming across her husband's body lying on a large box near the cellar stairs. Howe had shown signs of melancholia lately.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 18.—The body of Henry I. Root, a Yale sophomore, was discovered in a vacant lot near the center of the city this morning. He was 19 years of age and had been in poor health. Death was due to carbolic acid poisoning. The deceased was a resident of New Haven and a brother of Prof. Root of Yale.

True Faith Followers Quit Work.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—"Domestic, housemaids and servant girls who are followers of the true faith shall immediately quit the employ of those families which use, in any form, pork, rabbits, oysters, or lard and shall obtain a livelihood in some other manner until such time as I am able to give them employment in a meat factory." Such is the order which has been passed by John A. Dowle, already followers of the "healer" in this city are leaving homes in which they have been employed and seeking work elsewhere. Dowle, who arrived last night from Europe, announced that he would no longer stand beneath the British flag which he called an "uncursed emblem."

Licked Fitzsimmons, Jr.

Franklin, N. H., Jan. 18.—Bob Fitzsimmons and his sparring partner, Ed Dunkhorst, were standing in front of Young's Hotel yesterday and Bobbie was playing in front of the hotel when a troop of schoolboys gathered to look at Fitzsimmons. Dunkhorst jokingly told young Fitzsimmons to drive the boys away. All the boys scattered except one, aged five, whom Bobbie tackled. The fight was short and resulted in little Bobbie being carried into the hotel with a bleeding nose, after having been "knocked down" by the little fellow, "Lanky" Bob did not interfere to prevent his son's discomfiture.

The Venezuela Trouble.

New York, Jan. 18.—It was learned today that Venezuela has established a censorship over all dispatches to and from the United States. The censorship, it is believed, is the result of the trouble that has arisen because of the attempt of the Venezuelan government to abrogate its concessions to the asphalt trust. The United States has ordered the cruiser Scorpion to proceed up the Orinoco river to the scene of the trouble in order to protect American interests. There has also been talk of ordering the battleships Kearsarge and Massachusetts to the Venezuelan coast for "moral effect."

Recovered Her Property.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 18.—Miss Mario Montgomery got her property back at a pistol's point and unconsciously turned highway robber herself in less than a week. A week ago she was stopped by a negro highwayman who took from her a gold brooch and fled. Wednesday night Miss Montgomery saw a negro showing a colored female a gold brooch in a small box. Miss Montgomery approached the negro from behind, having recognized her property, and leveling a pistol at him told him to drop the box and throw up his hands, which he promptly did. Then he ran away.

Spent His Money on Blondes.

London, Jan. 18.—The man who shot and killed a passenger in a compartment car on the London and South-western train for the purpose of robbery has confessed his crime. He states that he was driven to extremities because he had spent all his money on "English blondes." The prisoner was arraigned in the police court here today and remanded for a week. The Evening News urges the adoption of an act of parliament abolishing the system of separate compartments in railway carriages in view of the ease with which murders are committed in them.

Popin preparations often fail to relieve indigestion because they can digest only a few kinds of food. There is one preparation that digests all classes of food, and that is Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst cases of indigestion and gives instant relief, for